

Medication interactions with warfarin (Coumadin®)

Many drugs interfere with warfarin. Make sure you notify all of your health care providers that you are taking warfarin so they will know which medications can be prescribed for you. It is also important to notify your VA Coumadin Clinic with any changes in your medications or prior to starting any new medications.

How should I store my warfarin (Coumadin®)

Keep your warfarin in the container it came in, tightly closed, and out of reach of children. Store it at room temperature and away from light.

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Over the counter medications

You **may** take these nonprescription medications with warfarin (Coumadin®):

acetaminophen (Tylenol®)
Chlor-Trimeton®
Contac®
Drixoril®
*Maalox®
*Mylanta®
Robitussin® Cough Syrup
Sudafed®
Tylenol Cold and Sinus®

You **may not** take these nonprescription medications with warfarin (Coumadin®) without your health care provider's approval:

Alka-Seltzer®
aspirin (Bayer®, Bufferin®, Ecotrin®)
Excedrin®
ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin®)
Naproxen (Naprosyn®, Aleve®)
Nyquil Cold®
Pepto-Bismol®

***Note:** If you use antacids, such as Maalox® or Mylanta®, take them at least two hours before or two hours after taking your warfarin.

Potential interactions between herbs and warfarin (Coumadin®)

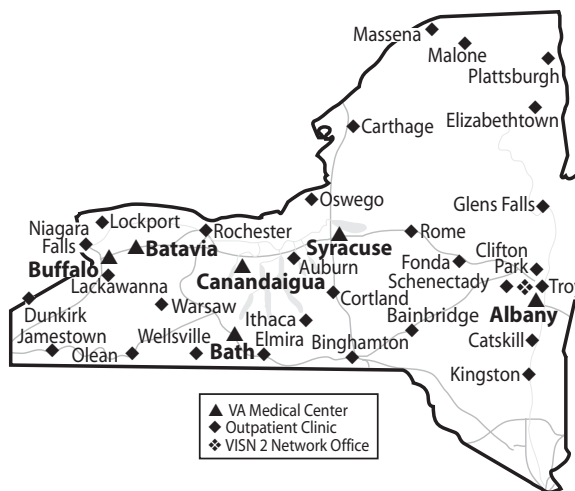
Angelica Root	Goldenseal
Arnica Flower	Green Tea
Anise	Horse Chestnut
Asafoetida	Licorice Root
Bogbean	Lovage Root
Borage Seed Oil	Meadowsweet
Bromelain	Onion
Capsicum	Papain
Celery	Parsley
Chamomile	Passionflower
Clove	Poplar
Co-enzyme Q ₁₀	Quassia
Cranberry Juice	Red Clover
Dandelion	Rue
Danshen	St. John's Wart
Devil's Claw	Sweet Clover
Dong Quai	Sweet Woodruff
Fenugreek	Tonka Beans
Feverfew	Turmeric
Garlic	Vitamin E
Ginger	Willow Bark
Ginko	Yarrow
Ginseng	



Common prescription drug interactions with warfarin (Coumadin®)

Alcohol	Antithyroid drugs
Antianxiety drugs	levothyroxine (Levothroid®, Synthroid®)
Antiarrhythmics	Beta-Adrenergic Blockers
amiodarone (Cordarone®)	propranolol (Inderal®)
Anticonvulsants	Diabetes drugs (Oral)
phenytoin (Dilantin®)	
carbamazepine (Tegretol®)	Diuretics
Antibiotics	furosemide (Lasix®)
penicillin	Gastrointestinal
ciprofloxacin	cimetidine (Tagamet®)
trimethoprim/ sulfamethoxazole (Bactrim®)	omeprazole (Prilosec®)
Antidepressants	Hypolipidemics
	simvastatin (Zocor®)
Antigout drugs	atorvastatin (Lipitor®)
allopurinol (Zyloprim®)	Narcotics
Antineoplastics	hydrocodone (Lortab®, Vicodin®)
cancer drugs	Steroids
Antiplatelet drugs	prednisone
clopidogrel (Plavix®)	
ticlopidine (Ticlid®)	

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